

I am applying for the position of student advocate because I am deeply passionate about creating positive change in our college and mostly because of my belief in my abilities to advocate for them. I trust myself to be in this position because when you are in student advocacy position, students share their experiences with you and you really need to have an open mind to welcome their experiences without judging them so that they don't feel uncomfortable to share it with you and to make them feel comfortable is the important job because some of them might have bad experiences and that's where I feel showing compassion towards them is important. I believe that showing compassion is my strength and I feel this way because I'm an international student from India I flew almost 36 hours to come here when I came here I didn't know anyone over here I had no housing when I landed here I was homeless but luckily one girl let me sleep on her couch that night, feeling loneliness, home sick, I didn't had lot of money when I came here so I didn't eat properly (being malnutrition) and many more struggles but I kept going because of my dreams that I had to conquer and these struggles have only made me stronger and never giving up and this things have taught me lot of things in my life. That's why I feel I can advocate for the students, I can show empathy and understand. I will try my best to help students as much as possible. For me every experiences in our lives matter doesn't matter if it's good or bad because our experiences make us who we are and if I'm in this position I want the students of SBCC to know that they are welcomed for who they are and this is a safe place and we support everyone here at SBCC.